***International Education Institute Florence Update#3***

(October 23, 2013)

Following is additional information as of October 23, 2014, for the Summer Institute Education in Florence. We can offer the following information at this time:
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 ***Design and Delivery of Study Abroad: While Studying Abroad (class meets June 2 – 12, 2014)***

1. **Program costs estimate** **at this time is $2,000**. This will include accommodation in shared apartments, round trip train transportation and hotel for three nights in Rome (departing Florence June 12 and returning to Florence June 15), breakfast while in Rome, one group dinner, professional visits and meetings as well as tours and entry at least to the Vatican Museum. You will receive a museum pass allowing you entry to many of Florence’s museums, and two half day program-related tours of Florence. You will also be provided with 80 Euro to cover your costs for one day of independent travel to a neighboring village or city built in as part of the course requirement. One group dinner in Florence is also included. ***Cost estimates are*** ***always subject to change due to currency fluctuations, unforeseen circumstances, last-minute changes in student numbers, etc. (Students from last year’s program were issued a substantial refund after the program ended!).***
2. **Airfare is to be obtained on your own.** Since there are two courses offered back-to-back, some will stay for both while others will only come for one, people come from around the country for this program, some will have access to frequent flyer tickets, others will travel early or remain after the program, and so forth, it was decided that transportation will be independent of the program fee. You will receive instructions on where to go upon arrival in Florence. In the meantime, you might begin pricing airfare to Florence – best connections are through Rome, Paris or Amsterdam.
3. While the formal class begins June 2, 2014, **you should plan to arrive in Florence on May 30 (June 2 is a national holiday and the real estate offices will be closed May 31 – June 3).** Accommodation will be in shared apartments within walking distance to the Kent State – Florence facility. **You will be able to enter your apartments on May 30; classes will begin June 2. If you arrive after May 30, you will have to stay in a hotel or hostel until June 3).** You should plan on leaving the apartment (unless you are staying for the second class) on June 13 at noon.
4. **Tuition for the 3-credit course is approximately $1,425 (in-state residents) and $2,451 (out-of-state residents)**

***Intercultural Dimensions of Teaching and Learning (class meets June 16 – 26, 2014)***

1. **Program costs estimate** **at this time is $1,600.** This will include accommodation in shared apartments, round trip transportation and hotel for two nights in Reggio Emilia (departing Florence June 19 and returning June 21), breakfasts, one group dinner, and a guided visit to the Loris Malaguzzi International Centre ([www.reggiochildren.ti](http://www.reggiochildren.ti)) in Reggio Emilia. In Florence, you will receive a museum pass allowing you entry to many of Florence’s museums, two half day program-related tours of Florence, one group dinner, visits and meetings in local schools. One group dinner in Florence is also included. ***Cost estimates are*** ***always subject to change due to currency fluctuations, unforeseen circumstances, last-minute changes in student numbers, etc. (Students from last year’s program were issued a substantial refund after the program ended!).***
2. **Airfare is to be obtained on your own**. Since there are two courses offered back-to-back, some will stay for both while others will only come for one, people come from around the country for this program, some will have access to frequent flyer tickets, others will travel early or remain after the program, and so forth, it was decided that transportation will be independent of the program fee. You will receive instructions on where to go upon arrival in Florence. In the meantime, you might begin pricing airfare to Florence – best connections are through Rome, Paris or Amsterdam.
3. While the formal class begins June 16, 2014, **you should plan to arrive in Florence on June 14 when you will be able to access your apartment.** Accommodation will be in shared apartments within walking distance to the Kent State – Florence facility which you will have access to from June 14 - June 27 at noon. *For those able and interested, the famed Palio celebration takes place in the neighboring town of Siena each year on July 2. Since the 1600s, this has been a community-wide horse race around the main piazza in town and a wonderfully colorful celebration. Although you would be on your own and have to make your own hotel arrangements if you stayed after the program, there will be a group of Kent students and faculty who will attend the Palio (me included) which you will be free to accompany.*
4. **Tuition for the 3-credit course is approximately $1,425 (in-state residents) and $2,451 (out-of-state residents).**

***If you are taking both of the classes, your program cost would be $2,950 (which includes accommodation for 4 weeks plus both field trips as stated above); notice - that the combine registration fee for the 2 classes is more than $500.00 less than if you individually register for the two classes. You would have tuition costs for 6 credit hours; again tuition is separate from the cost of the trip***